

REMARKS

Objection to claims

The patent office objected to claims 1, 7-10, 19-28, and 30-47 based on the assertion that the claims contain non-elected sequences. The Applicants have amended the claim to obviate the objection and respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

Rejection for obviousness-type double patenting

The Examiner provisionally rejected claims 1, 7-10, 14, and 19-29 for obviousness-type double patenting, based on the assertion that they were not patentably distinct from claims 1-18 in US Patent No. 6,475,988. The Applicants are herewith submitting a terminal disclaimer, and thus respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

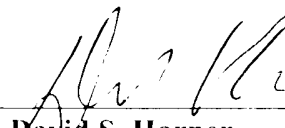
If the Examiner believes that a telephone or personal interview would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (312) 913-2106.

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